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Facility/Sites: Kaneohe MCBH Facilities Department Salvage Yard  
Military Family Housing Neighborhoods at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i

Subject: HDOH Response to 2/24/2018 letter, "RE: Environmental Complaint Response and Request for Records"

Dear Dr. Chun:

Thank you for your 2/24/2018 letter indicating dissatisfaction with the response received from the Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response (HEER) Office, dated 1/16/2018. Our response had addressed your 12/11/2017 complaint letter regarding Department oversight of two (2) separate environmental investigations at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH). Your concerns include (1) the fish advisory resulting from polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) contamination from the Facilities Department Salvage Yard site, and (2) organochlorine pesticides in soils at military family housing neighborhoods on the base.

1. You asked several questions regarding PCBs at the Salvage Yard site. In addition to our earlier response, we refer you to a Navy preliminary summary of the data collected in the RI/FS (10/13/2017), enclosed. For background information on the study design and work done to date, please also refer to the RI/FS Work Plan (1/31/2017). Due to the size of the Work Plan, we are not including it in hard copy, but will email it to you with the electronic copy of this letter. The Navy is currently preparing a detailed Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for submission to the Department which should more fully address your questions.
2. You expressed dissatisfaction with our previous responses to your earlier inquiries regarding organochlorine pesticides in soils at MCBH family housing neighborhoods. We have responded to all substantive issues that you have raised, and we suggest that you review our previous responses.
3. You requested a copy of the formal report of the surface soil sampling conducted by Ohana Military Communities (OMC) in 2016 in MCBH family housing neighborhoods. This formal report is still in preparation by OMC; however, the attached preliminary data (11/15/2017) is currently available.

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4. Your other statements and concerns regarding organochlorine pesticides in soils at MCBH family housing neighborhoods have been previously addressed by us in our previous responses to you.

Oversight activities for MCBH are conducted by the Department's HEER Office. Please contact their office for further questions at (808) 586-4249. General questions may be directed to the Program Manager, Fenix Grange.

For information about the MCBH Facilities Department Salvage Yard site, please contact Ms. Beryl Ekimoto, HEER Office at [beryl.ekimoto@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:beryl.ekimoto@doh.hawaii.gov) or (808) 586-4697. For further questions about pesticide-impacted soils at MCBH military family housing neighborhoods, please contact Mr. Eric Sadoyama, HEER Office at [eric.sadoyama@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:eric.sadoyama@doh.hawaii.gov) or (808) 586-0955.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

| Document # | Date       | Subject                                                                                                            |
|------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 130000     | 10/13/2017 | Handout: RI/FS, Kaneohe Bay Sediments - OU3, Facilities Department Salvage Yard, Site 8, MCBH                      |
| 124681     | 1/31/2017  | Final Work Plan, RI/FS, Facilities Department Salvage Yard, MCBH Site 8, MCBH (transmit with electronic copy only) |
| 128346     | 11/15/2017 | Ohana Military Communities - preliminary sampling data                                                             |

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Mr. Gregory Raap, Ohana Military Communities, Honolulu

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